

Title: NI Sheep Industry Key Performance Indicators December 2021 Snapshot (weeks 35-39)

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	December 2020	December 2021	% Change
Sheep Prices (p/kg)			
Average Deadweight Lamb Price NI	463.3	554.1	+19.6%
Average Liveweight Lamb Price NI	437.3	525.1	+20.1%
Average Weekly Lamb Price GB (D/W)	477.2	619.1	+29.7%
Average Weekly Sheep Price ROI (D/W)	480.6	597.7	+24.4%
NI Throughput			
Total Lamb Slaughterings (Head)	44,785	38,125	-14.9%
Total Ewe & Ram Slaughterings (Head)	1,945	2,668	+37.2%
Average Lamb Carcase Weight (kg)	22.4	22.8	+2.0%
Average Ewe & Ram Carcase Weight (kg)	27.1	26.5	-2.1%
Trade (Head)			
Live Imports for Direct Slaughter	306	-	-
Live Exports for Direct Slaughter	40,418	37,397	-7.5%
Euro / Stg Exchange Rate (€ / £)	90.6	84.9	-6.3%
All NI Figures Unless Otherwise Stated			

Key trends



The average **NI deadweight lamb price** during December 2021 was up 90.8p/kg from the same price in December 2020. This is an increase of £20 in the value of 22kg carcase.



The average **GB deadweight lamb price** has increased by 141.9p/kg from December 2020.



The average **ROI deadweight lamb price** was up by the equivalent of 117.1p/kg when compared to the same price in December 2020.



Lamb throughput has decreased by almost 15 per cent from the same period last year. Average carcase weight for lambs during December 2021 increased by 0.4kg when compared to the same period in 2020.



NI exports of sheep to ROI and GB for direct slaughter are back 7.5 per cent when compared to December 2020.

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